STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER BRENDAN CARR CONCURRING IN PART AND APPROVING IN PART

Re: In the Matter of Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules, WP Docket No. 07-100

Over the last four years, the FCC took the bold steps necessary to unleash an unprecedented amount of mid-band spectrum for 5G and other next-gen operations. Those efforts included action on 280 MHz in the C Band, 45 MHz in the 5.9 GHz band, 1,200 MHz in the 6 GHz band, 30 MHz in the L Band, 200 MHz in the 2.5 GHz band, 50 MHz in the 4.9 GHz band, as well as work to prepare 100 MHz in the 3.45 GHz band for auction next month. Each of those bands took quite a lot of work over the course of many months and years.

That's why I was disappointed when the FCC voted to take the 50 MHz at 4.9 GHz off the board earlier this year by staying our 2020 decision. I dissented from that decision, but as I said at the time, I am open to working with my colleagues, the public safety community, and all other stakeholders on a new framework for this important band of spectrum. That remains true today. Our 2020 decision was certainly not the only way to ensure that the 4.9 GHz spectrum can be put to good use. So while I concur on the portion of today's decision that reverses our 2020 decision, I approve the Notice that seeks comments on a path forward.

I welcome the chance to work together towards a quick resolution that serves the public interest and, in particular, the public safety stakeholders that have a deep commitment to this band. I thank the staff of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for preparing this item.